
LESSON 15

SERVICE DOCTRINE: UNITED STATES ARMY

Introduction

Purpose	<p>The purpose of this lesson is to help you understand the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Army doctrine at the operational level of war• The role of the Army in joint operations at the operational level
Importance of the Study	<p>This lesson presents an overview of Army doctrine at the operational level of war. Like the other services, the Army is planning for the battlefield of the 21st century. By understanding the operational doctrine of the other services, you will function more effectively in this environment.</p>
Relationship to Other Lessons	<p>This lesson complements and supports lessons 13, 14, and 16.</p>
Background	<p>This lesson provides an overview of Army doctrine at the operational level of war by focusing on the Army's central doctrinal concepts.</p>
Study Time	<p>This lesson, including the issues for consideration, will require about 1.5 hours of study.</p>

Educational Objectives

Service and Joint Doctrines	Summarize the relationship between Army service doctrine and joint doctrine. [JPME Area 2d]
Army Tenets	Examine and describe five tenets of Army operations.
Combat Functions	Summarize the combat functions used by the Army. Describe how each supports the sustainment of combat power.
JPME Areas/ Objectives/Hours (accounting data)	2/d/.5

Army Doctrine

Fundamentals of Army Operations

The U.S. Army and its warfighting doctrine as reflected in FM 100-5 is preparing for war today and tomorrow. Army doctrine reflects both the impact of modern technology and the trend towards joint operations. Marines should be well-versed in Army philosophy and operations since it is likely they will serve along with Army personnel across the full spectrum of military operations.

Five Tenets of Army Operations

The Army operates in accordance with five basic tenets:

- Initiative
 - Agility
 - Depth
 - Synchronization
 - Versatility
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Required Reading

***FM/FMFRP
Readings***

FM 100-5, *Operations* (June 1993). Read pp. 2-0 through 2-9. Find this reading in the *FM/FMFRP Readings* (8800), pp. 51 to 60. FM 100-5 links Army roles and missions to the national military strategy. These readings demonstrate how the Army seeks to fight at the operational level of war.

Issues For Consideration

Army Operations

Describe the five tenets of Army operations.

Primary Function

Explain the primary functions of the Army.
